prevailing market trend, condition of scrap materials, market trend of iron and steel etc.

Ban on recruitment in Railways

2231. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prune 25 percent of the total strength of Railway employees by imposing a ban on recruitment during the current year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not rise.

Development of Railway Station as Model Stations

2232. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway Stations (State-wise) proposed to be developed as model Railway Stations ;

(b) the stations developmed as model Railway Stations so far :

(c) the details of facilities available in these stations :

(d) whether more stations have been identified for their development as model stations ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) (Statewise number of stations which were selected to be developed as model stations is as under :—

1.	Andhra Pradesh	4
2.	Assam	4
3.	Bihar	8
4.	Delhi	1
5.	Gujarat	3
6.	Haryana	1
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
9.	Kerala	1
10.	Karnataka	3
11.	Maharashtra	8
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7
13.	Orissa	1
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	5
16.	Tamil Nadu	4
17.	Uttar Pradesh	9
18.	West Bengal	5
	TOTAL :	67

Development works at Lumding and Tinsukia stations in Assam have been dropped in view of Guwaha i-Lumding-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh gauge conversion project.

(b) Works at 22 stations, viz. Lucknow Jn. (NER), Kathgodam, Allahabad City, Samastipur, Gorakhpur Jn. Durgapur, Dhanbad Jn., Malda Town, Bhiwani, Madurai, Tiruchchirappalli Jn., Bellary Jn., Bilaspur, Ahmedabad, Junagadh, Jaipur Jn., Ajmer Jn., Agra Fort, Indore, Bharatpur Jn., and Rajkot Jn., have since been completed.

(c) Under this scheme, additional amenities like waiting halls, seating arrangements, drinking water supply,

water coolers, sanitised latrines, lighting arrangements, proper booking arrangements, suitable platforms with adequate shelter and pucca surface, fans on platforms and waiting halls/rooms, upper class waiting rooms, bathrooms, retiring rooms, refreshment rooms, etc. have been provided at these stations so as to cater to the traffic requirements of the future. These stations have been developed in a manner so that they serve as 'Models' for the stations in their vicinity as regards provision of passenger amenities.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Dose not arise

Special quota in A.C. Sleeper A.C. Chair Car in the trains

2233. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI ;
DR. BALDEV PRAKASH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of seats of special quota in A.C. Sleeper, A.C. Chair Car and IInd 3-tier, category-wise in all trains leaving from all stations in Delhi and what are the criteria for this quota ;

(b) what are the criteria for the allocation of these seats ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the request of M.Ps. for allocation of seats in emergencies is ignored, and if so, the number of requests received from M.Ps. and the number of requests ignored during the last three months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A limited number of berths/seats in various classes on trains originating from or passing through stations in Delhi area has been earmaked as Emergency Quota for complying with the demand of high official requisitions/ VIPs and other emergent requests. Requests received from various quarters including Members of Parliament for release of berths out of the Emergency Quota are given due priority taking into account factors like status of the passenger travelling, nature of urgency like Government duty, bereavement, sickness, etc. However, at times, when the demand exceeds the availablility, it is not possible to accomodate all requests. As a large number of requests are received and dealt with on day-to-day basis, break-up of the requests received from various quarters is not maintained.

Rail accident in South Central Zone

2234. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents that took place in South Central Zone during the last one year ;

(b) what is the estimated loss of life, property and revenue ;

(c) what are the findings of inquiry commissions ; and

(d) what steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of inquiry Commissions so that such accidents may not recur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There were 64 consequential train accidents on South Central Railway during 1991-92.

(b) As per available information, 24 persons lost their lives in these accidents. The cost of damage to railway propery has been estimated